

REMARKS

The subject matter of claims 22-27 and 36-41 has been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 22 and 36 thusly.

Claims 1-21, 28-35, 47 and 48 were rejected. Although applicants do not agree with the rejections of record, these claims have been cancelled herein, thereby obviating the rejection of such claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue such claims in a divisional application.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment removes or substantially reduces issues for appeal and thus respectfully request that this Amendment be entered after filing of the Notice of Appeal. Applicants further respectfully submit that upon entry of this Amendment claims 22-27 and 36-41 are in condition for allowance and earnestly request a Notice of Allowance to that affect.

Respectfully submitted,

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